

**“The Role of the Supreme Court and Constitutional Courts  
in Japan, Korea and Germany”  
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Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU),  
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**Introduction**

The Law Faculty of Ritsumeikan University has organized the Joint Symposium of Ritsumeikan University, Seoul National University, and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München about “The Role of the Supreme Court and Constitutional Courts in Japan, Korea and Germany” on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the Ritusmeikan Suzaku Campus and Kinugasa Campus. Ritsumeikan University has collaborated for several years together with LMU in conjunction with SNU to promote young scholars of the next generation through the DAAD-Partnerschaftsprogram. First of all I have to acknowledge financial support from the Exchange of Academic Service (DAAD, the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and the Ritsumeikan Law Society). I would like to thank also Consul Florian Jäger (German Consulate General Osaka/Kobe), Dr. Holger Finken (Director of Tokyo Office DAAD) and especially Professor Dr. Takahiro Shinyo (Vice President of Kwansei Gakuin University, Former Japanese Ambassador to Berlin) who have enormously contributed to these significant academic events. These papers were given by participants of this joint symposium. I would like to thank our colleagues from LMU and SNU very much for the permission to publish their interesting academic lectures.

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1. Prof. Dr. Rudolf STREINZ  
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3. Dr. URAKAWA Hiroko  
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Constitutional Activism of the European Court of Justice? On Rising Tensions Between Karlsruhe and Luxembourg After *Åkerberg Fransson*
5. Dr. Martin HEIDEBACH  
The election of the German Federal Constitutional Court's judges – A lack of democracy?
6. Assistant Professor Dr. Christian GOMILLE  
The Federal Constitutional Court of Germany – a “super-appellate court” in civil law cases?
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8. Stephan LORENTZ  
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